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Subject: Fwd: Alert Regarding Hate Group Appearance Near Campus
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Sgt,

Here is the email that went out to the campus about the picketing. If you do not mind can I forward your number to Wess in case he wants to touch base with you?

Thanks

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From: Wess Daniels <danielscw@guilford.edu>
Date: Wed, Nov 6, 2019 at 9:55 PM
Subject: Alert Regarding Hate Group Appearance Near Campus
To: C. Wess Daniels <danielscw@guilford.edu>

Dear Friends and Campus Community,

The College has been informed that a small, but well-known hate group has received a permit from the City of Greensboro to assemble outside Guilford's campus on public property for 30 minutes on Monday morning, Nov. 18. Affiliated with Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), Topeka, KS, the group has spent the last 50 years seeking to inflict spiritual violence and trauma on LGBTQIA+ persons and other groups or individuals with whom they disagree.

Guilford College unequivocally stands with our LGBTQIA+ community members and rejects the WBC message of bigotry and hate. The Quaker tradition calls us towards love, peace, and the life-affirming work of building an inclusive and equitable community and the views and practices of this group is in great violation of all these things.

As soon as the College learned about this, Friends Center began working with the College administration, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Lizzy Kapuscinski, the Student Body President; Student Affairs; Public Safety (PSAFE) and others so that we are prepared for their arrival.

On that day, **I want to be clear that they are not allowed on our campus.** Jermaine Thomas, Director of Public Safety, and PSAFE staff will be present in order to both ensure safety and that Westboro does not trespass onto campus. As we are committed to everyone's safety it is important that members of the campus community do not taunt or

engage individuals from the Westboro Baptist Church.

We will be providing safe spaces, programming and resources for the 18th that will be focused on love, affirmation, and community building for you to participate in. We will send out more information about this once details are in place.

As always, Staff in the Counseling Center (336-316-2163), the Intercultural Engagement Center (iec@guilford.edu, 336-316-2433), and Friends Center (336-316-2445) are available if you need someone to talk to or sit with.

With Deep Love and Affirmation for you,
Wess Daniels

C. Wess Daniels

William R. Rogers Director of Friends Center and Quaker Studies at [Guilford College](#)

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Meet - [Schedule a time to meet](#)

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